

**PATENT**

**Application # 09/903,979**

**Attorney Docket # 113490 (1014-144)**

**REMARKS**

The Examiner is respectfully thanked for the thoughtful consideration provided to this application. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner is also thanked for determining each of claims 21 – 26 allowable.

Each of claims 1 – 20 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 21 – 26 are now pending in this application. Each of claims 21 and 23 are in independent form.

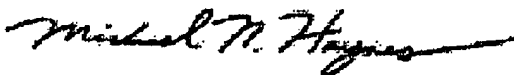
**CONCLUSION**

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application as amended is in clear condition for allowance. Reconsideration, withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-2504. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 434-972-9988 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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